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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 2 May 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Amory (part of mtg.)

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Mr. Dulles:

a) Reported on the discussions held at yesterday's Budget hearing before the Appropriations Committee and noted in particular that Chairman Cannon had asked for the Budget figures of the other Intelligence Agencies. i. e. State, Army Navy and Air. The Director said he had attempted to make it clear to Chairman Cannon "3 or 4 times" that this information had been compiled by the Bureau of the Budget and had therefore suggested that the Chairman address his request to that Bureau. Mr. Dulles commented that notwithstanding this latter remark Mr. Cannon is looking to him for these figures. ACTION: It was agreed that DD/S would prepare a draft response to Congressman Cannon's request which before dispatch is to be brought to the attention of the IAC at its meeting on Tuesday, 6 May. It was agreed that Mr. Lloyd would give Mr. Macy of the Bureau of the Budget a brief rundown of our discussion with Mr. Cannon's Committee, leaving out the issue of releases from the Reserve but advising him of our proposed intention to furnish the Committee the budget figures of the other members of the IAC.

b) The Director also noted that the Committee had queried whether or not our new building would house all our people and upon being advised that it would not, the Committee had suggested that we might wish to consider requesting additional funds to house all CIA personnel at the new site. After some discussion it was agreed that construction plans were too far advanced to be changed and a possible solution might be the addition of a wing or another building to be constructed on the site, to be located behind the cafeteria. The Director remarked he wanted to think about this problem over the weekend and in particular to consider how much trouble we would encounter with other congressional committees in obtaining additional funds during the current session. The Director said it might be well for [redacted] to be present at the Deputies' Meeting on Monday and furnish his views as to cost of additional construction.

c) Noted he was concerned over the situation in Lebanon and commented he was inclined to [redacted] He said, however, if [redacted]

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d) Noted that [redacted] had been safely evacuated

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[redacted] and agreed that it would be wise for [redacted]

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[redacted] to debrief these people [redacted] The Director also said we should 25X1

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send the evacuees a well-done, welcome home message and insure that they have some time off [redacted] The Director further remarked it might be well to have one of these people returned to headquarters in order to render a full report of their activities.

e) Noted a cable which indicated that [redacted] might be suspect of 25X1
leanings toward the Central Government [redacted] and directed that this situation 25X1
be watched closely.

f) Noted he received a call from Under Secretary of State Herter requesting that CIA make available funds for flood relief in Poland. The Director said he advised Mr. Herter that his people (PP Staff) were opposed in view of: 1) ICA has money for this type of activity; 2) it is not within our charter; 3) we would be flaunting the will and intent of Congress since our money was not appropriated for use in undertakings of this nature

The Director went on to say that he had told Mr. Herter if the Department of State decided it would be wise to grant funds to Poland for flood relief, he would be willing to advance money for this purpose provided we received reimbursement from ICA. He commented he based this decision on the fact that he realized it might require some time for ICA to actually obtain the funds required.

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25X1 Noted a Rueters dispatch which indicated that Japan had reported monitoring an unusual series of atmospheric vibrations originating in Soviet Siberia and an unusually high amount of radioactive rain and recommended that we use this

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25X1 [redacted] Both the Director and General Cabell noted some opposition in view of the statement by the Soviet Union that it had ceased any further atomic tests and the fact that the US is now beginning a number of such tests [redacted] General Cabell commented on the strong possibility of the Soviets turning these tests (U. S.) against any propaganda we might put out on the above Japanese announcement.

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